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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:Y

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1. DURING CALLS PAST WEEK TO DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS, TWO
GOF OFFICIALS HAVE RAISED ARTICLE XXIV:6 QUESTION.
DEPANNEFFIEU OF DREE TOOK LINE THAT ISSUE CAN AND WILL BE
RESOLVED BUT WOULD REQUIRE "POLITICAL DECISION". HE
ADDED THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY AGREEMENT, AT LEAST AS
FAR AS USG AND GOF CONCERNED,. COULD BE WORKED OUT BY
PRESENT NEGOTIATORS, I.E. EBERLE, MALMGREN, BERNARD
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AND DE MOREL.

2. DEPANNEFIEU SIAD IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE US SATISFACTION ON SEVEN ITEMS OF GREATEST INTEREST TO US BUT HE THINKS ISSUE CAN BE RESOLVED IF US WILL ACCEPT AN IMPROVED OFFER ON FOUR OF THE SEVEN ITEMS. AS FOR FRANCE, ADDITIONAL CONCESSION ON ORANGES CREATED NO PROBLEM, AND HE BELIEVES GOF COULD ACCEPT SOME IMPROVEMENT EC OFFER ON KRAFT, CITING PRESENTWORLD WIDE SHORTAGE THIS PRODUCT. ON TOBACCO, HE BELIEVES GOF MIGHT BE PREPARED TO IMPROVE OFFER PROVIDED WE AGREE NOT TO RAISE TOBACCO LATER AT MTN. WITH SATISFACTORY OFFER ON ABOVE THREE SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT SOMETHING ON ONE OF OTHER FOUR TIMES ON TOP OF US LIST.

3. RE CEREALS, HE SAW NO REASON WHY AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE WHICH RECOGNIZED POSITION BOTH SIDES CANNOT BE WORKED OUT. HE CITED IN THIS REGARD STANDSTILL AGREEMENT MADE AT TIME OF CREATION OF COMMUNITY OF SIX.

4. COSTA DE BEAUREGARD, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE FOR EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION, ALSO BROUGHT UP ARTICLE XXIV:6 ISSUE. LATTER OFFICIAL NOW USUALLY CHAIRS COMMITTEE MEETINGS AS BERNARD INCREASINGLY PREOCCUPIED WITH HIS DUTIES AS DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL OF ELYSEE. HE SAID US MUST DECIDE WHETHER IT WANTS ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION BEYOND DECEMBER 13 EC OFFER ON NON-CEREAL ITEMS OR A CREDIT ON CEREALS TO CARRY INTO MTN; IT COULD NOT HAVE BOTH. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT INTERPRET COSTA DE BEAUREGARD'S STATEMENT AS NECESSARILY PRECLUDING COMPROMISE LANGUAGE ON CEREALS REFERRED TO BY DE PANNEFIEU.

5. COMMENT: THESE CONVERSATIONS, UNDERTAKEN AT FRENCH INITIATIVE, POINT TO CONTINUED GOF INTEREST IN NOT CLOSING DOOR ON XXIV:6 ISSUE ALONG LINES REPORTED REFTEL.
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